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either underground or into another state, which they are doing right now. We can argue that till the cows some home, too. But we're surrounded by this type of gaming, and here we sit on our hands in this Legislature, we have for the last four years, trying to decide what we're going to do here when our constituents, a majority of them, I would say probably 70 percent of them, are saying what in the world is the matter with...why aren't you people acting, letting us vote on a constitutional amendment? For crying out loud, get something together that we can at least vote on. If we don't like it, we'll turn it down. And there is that possibility that people will say, no, we don't want it, and that's fine with me.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time. Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. We've been discussing on this gambling issue now for three or four days, whatever it is, and I guess it, to me to be literal about it, it kind of reminds me of a sick cow. No matter how long we doctor, why it seems like it's the same problem arises. I think LR 14 is probably a terminal case, to start with. keep putting on more amendments. We've worked it around. Now that with some compromise, we've worked around and drafted LR 14 onto LR 11, and we still come up with about the same solution. To me, it looks like what we're trying to do is micromanage the gambling issue here in the Legislature with the Constitution. We're worrying about where we're going to put the casinos and how many we're going to have. If we go with this same five or eight or whatever, we can very easily be just like we were with the interdiction zone. We end up with Nebraska being two miles long. I think we needn't worry about that, that if we decide for the business of gambling, the business, itself, will dictate where the casinos are. It wouldn't be like any other business, if the demographics are there, then there will probably be a casino there. If there is a chance that the things will be successful, then there will be one there. We have casinos in Rosebud and they're literally a tin building. They don't have to be a \$250 million facility in order to have a You have Prairie Winds up there in the Lakota Nation. This isn't a huge facility, but it brings in probably five, six